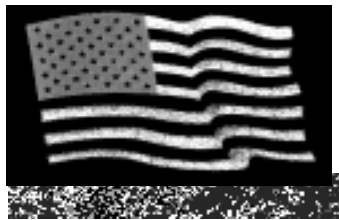




Post 147 News



Supporting California's TEAM For California Veterans



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From The Commander

It looks like fall has finally "fallen"; the days are getting shorter, it's cooling off (finally!) and the Post is back in its normal routine. I am delighted to see so many new faces at our meetings and events. All I can say is WELCOME. And Welcome also to those new members who have joined us from other Posts. They, too, have seen that Post 147 is "service first" and have chosen to become a part of the Team.

Our new Veterans' Home has been dedicated and is finally "real." Special thanks to Chuck Parnell, George Sinopoli and Assemblyman Steve Samuelian (R-Clovis) for their outstanding efforts in making this dream become a reality. We all owe them our thanks. Chuck and George belong to other Posts but we think of them as "ours." Steve has proven time and again that he is a great friend of the Veteran.

As I have traveled around the State regarding my Dep't. of California activities it is clear that Post 147 is held in high regard by Posts everywhere. Our good works for Veterans is not going unnoticed. Thank you for your love for, and dedication to, our Comrades.

My wife Gail joins me in extending our warmest best wishes to all for the coming Holidays. God bless.

Jack Climer, Commander



Jack Climer
Post Commander
2003—2004



VIETNAM

Clovis Police Sergeant Honored By American Legion



Sgt. Alex Campos, Clovis Police Department, was recently presented with an American Legion Award For Valor by Post 147 Commander Jack Climer and Tony Guerrero (District 14 Chaplain and Chairman, Dept. of CA Law & Order Committee). The award, presented at a Clovis City Council meeting, was in recognition of Sgt. Campos' heroic actions in saving at least eight lives by repeatedly entering a burning home to lead the occupants to safety. The action occurred while Sgt. Campos was driving home from his shift early in the morning hours in the county area East of Clovis. Sgt. Campos' selfless actions are in the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession. Congratulations, and thank you, Alex. We live safely because of men and women like you.

At left: Sgt. Campos receiving the award from Legionsaire Tony Guerrero



Clovis Officer Receives Honor

Clovis Police Department Officer Kelvin Scott received an award from the Grande Voiture du California of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux honoring him as Officer Of The Year. This recognition was awarded due to Officer Scott's tireless work with the children and youth of the City of Clovis.

The presentation was made at a Clovis City Council Meeting. The award was presented to Officer Scott by Clovis Chief of Police Jim Zulim and Voiture 466 Chef de Gare Frank Wallace. Congratulations, Kelvin, and thank you.

At right: Chef De Gare Frank Wallace presents the award



Membership Membership Membership Membership



*We Can't Snooze
We Must Recruit and Renew*

As of November 19, our Post Membership for 2004 stood at 410 paid members. While our actual paid membership hovers around 525—550 each year, we have been tasked with a goal of 604 members by District 14 Commander Ralph Bivings (Post 511) and 1st Vice Commander Dale Shelton (Post 509). Membership goals are traditionally based upon actual paid membership. It's interesting to note that all other Posts in the 14th District received the same goals as their actual paid membership for 2003 OR had those goals reduced by 3 members **except** Posts 2 (Coalinga), Post 147 and Post 509 (Fresno). Post 2 had their goal increased by 1; Post 147 had their goal increased by 43 and Post 509 had their goal **decreased** by 5.

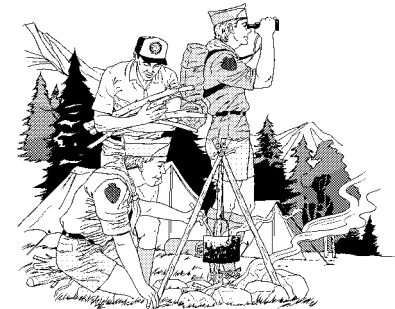
When questioned about this action by our Post Commander at the recent DEC meeting in Amador County, District 14 Commander Bivings essentially replied that it was his decision and "my decision stands." When asked about this inequity at the recent District 14 meeting in Piedra, 14th District 1st Vice Commander Shelton stated that "I wasn't there." Note: The District 1st Vice Commander is responsible for membership. Who's doing his job? Or not.

Our Commander has promised that Post 147 will do its best "as always." "It's critically important for every Legionnaire to renew their Post membership as soon as possible. Only a strong Post with a strong membership can achieve its goals of service to the Community,

Scouting Report by Al Blumer

Our Scouts are in their "back to school" routines. Troop 211 has been particularly active as they have, in recent weeks:

- Visited and toured the United States Navy aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet
- Visited Old Town Sacramento and toured the "Historic Trail"
- Begun their annual Popcorn drive. (Al Blumer and Bruce Abbott are on the prowl with their order forms)
- Conducted a recent Court of Honor to advance several of their members in rank.



Clovis "Cecil Cox" Post 147 is honored to be a part of the Scouting tradition and is proud to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 354 (meeting at Post 147 headquarters) and Troop 211 and Pack 211 (meeting at Robinson School). The Scouts invite Post 147 members to visit with them and to attend their various functions and activities throughout the year.

What Congress Often Forgets: "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation" So Said General George Washington in 1782 Right On!

News & Notes

- The Post Halloween Party was a great success. Several pictures of various participants are posted on the Website.
- The next "social" event will be a Hawaiian Luau to be held on Friday, January 16. What better way to enjoy a cold and foggy January evening than with a Luau?
- The National Commander will be visiting the Central Valley on December 14 with a dinner at Porterville Post 20. Information is listed below under "events."
- The Executive Committee has confirmed a policy restricting the use of our kitchen and dining hall "downstairs" to American Legion functions. Individual Legionnaires may use the facilities on a casual basis with the approval of the Post Commander. This action came about due to several instances of the area being used by groups who did not clean it up afterwards. Upstairs is still available to all.

- Winter coats are being obtained for our Honor Guard to use during cold and inclement weather. The Post will pay half the cost with the other half paid by the individual Legionnaires.
- Those Members who have not visited the new Veterans' Memorial at the Rex Phebus Memorial Building are in for a real treat. The new site consists of the flags of each Service Branch coupled with bronze statues of Military personnel from World War I through Desert Storm. The standard reaction seems to be a great swelling of pride coupled with a misting of the eyes. The Memorial District has done a wonderful service (among many others) by this tribute to the Veterans of Clovis. The Memorial is entitled "On Behalf Of A Grateful Nation." Please visit it soon.
- The Fresno County Veterans' Home is finally approved. More information on this will be coming later.

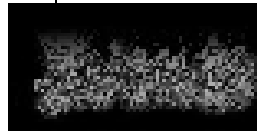


Post Everlasting
Stephen Poulson

Sick Call

None Reported

Please notify Chaplain Clare McGhan about members with sick call or Post Everlasting issues. Clare may be contacted at (559) 298-5906



December

- 5 - Clovis Children's Christmas Parade @ Old Town Clovis 5:30 PM
- 6 - Holiday Party @ Memorial Bldg. RSVP to 294-7642 6:00 PM
- 14 - National Commander's Visit, Porterville Post 20, 7:00 PM RSVP to 784-3829 prior to 12/10
- 15- Executive Board Meeting @ Post HQ
- 18- Voiture 466 Meeting 7:00 PM

January 2004

- 3 & 4 - Area 3 Meeting, Amador Post #108, Sutter Creek, CA
- 10 - District 14 Meeting @ Hanford Post #3 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 14 - General Membership Meeting @ Post HQ 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- 16 - "Hawaiian/Luau" Night @ Post HQ 6:00 PM
- 19 - Executive Board Meeting @ Post HQ 7:00 PM
- 22 - Voiture 466 Meeting 7:00 PM

February

- 1 - Super Bowl Party @ Post HQ begins 1 hour prior to kickoff
- 11 - General Membership Meeting @ Post HQ 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- 16 - Executive Board Meeting @ Post HQ 7:00 PM
- 19 - Voiture 466 Meeting 7:00 PM

March

- 6 - District 14 Meeting @ Clovis Veterans' Memorial Bldg. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- 10 - General Membership Meeting @ Post HQ 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting NOTE: Nominations for New Officers For 2004-2005
- 15 - Executive Board Meeting @ Post HQ 7:00 PM
- 18 - Voiture 466 Meeting 7:00 PM
- 20 & 21 - Department Executive Committee Meeting, Lakewood Post #496

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Sons of the American Legion

HELP! Squadron 147 is being reorganized and revitalized. We need some help from Legionnaires to lead the effort.

We have the foundation for a terrific Squadron in Clovis. A couple of people who are willing to step in and help with the effort are greatly needed.

For further information please contact Frank Wallace at 291-0538.

Clovis Cecil Cox Post #147
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AUXILIARY UNIT 147

The Auxiliary recently held a very successful ham and salad luncheon and boutique. Thanks to all who worked so hard and especially to those from the community and from the American Legion who participated.

The "flashing lights" American Flag pins are still available for \$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00. Contact any Auxiliary member to purchase them. It's a very patriotic fundraiser for the Auxiliary Unit.

VOITURE 466



Did you know that Voiture 466 is made up of Legionnaires from more than Post 147? It's a unique creation with members from Posts from throughout District 14. For more information contact Chef de Gare Frank Wallace or any Voyageur Militaire of the Voiture.